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¶1. (SBU) Per reftel, we delivered points on the upcoming UN High-Level Dialogue (HLD) on International Migration and Development to Saimir Repishti, chief of the UN section at the MFA. Repishti informed us that Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Kosta Barka (or his deputy) would likely lead Albania's delegation, accompanied by MFA personnel (possibly Director General for Multilateral Affairs Spiro Koci or Repishti himself). Repishti added that the MFA was preparing Albania's position paper for the HLD together with input from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and from IOM. He said the paper would include a summary of Albania's National Strategy on Migration.

¶2. (SBU) In response to our concerns that the HLD could have as a "deliverable" a permanent global forum on migration, Repishti said that he was not aware of this aspect of the HLD but took our concerns on board. He said the GoA position would likely track that of the EU. (Note: Albania follows the EU on most issues in the UN. End Note.)
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